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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

4 May 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Possible IAC Noting of Reports of the IAC Ad Hoc Working Group on the Arab-Israeli Situation

1. Since its inception, the IAC Ad Hoc Working Group on the Arab-Israeli Situation has published two reports, dated 12 March and 29 March. These reports periodically have been revised in order to keep them current. Although the IAC agencies have been represented on this Working Group, neither of these reports has been formally noted or approved by the IAC itself. In general, the distribution thus far has been made to Washington offices of the IAC agencies and certain high level consumers such as the White House, NSC and OCB. Questions have now been raised concerning dissemination to US commands or establishments overseas.

2. It is probable that the Working Group will issue a new or revised report on the Arab-Israeli Situation in the near future. Because of the general interest in current information on this area,

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and specific requests for further dissemination of existing editions, ACSI has asked that IAC members express their views as to how these reports should be handled in the future. In particular, the members may wish to consider:

a. Whether subsequent reports should be noted or approved by the IAC prior to publication, as in the case of Watch Committee Reports; and

b. Whether dissemination should include US commands and establishments overseas.

3. In accordance with the ACSI request, this matter will be considered at the IAC meeting on 8 May, in conjunction with the IAC's regular noting of the Watch Committee Report.

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